end of December, 1991 as compared to decline in 1990;

(b) what are the reasons for failure of the efforts to promote defence exports;

(c) what is the percentage of decline in export earnings (in foreign exchange) as a result thereof; and

(d) what are the main foreign markets where defence exports are presently being made and what is the strategy if any formulated by Government to explore other foreign markets for defence exports during 1992?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) The defence export orders received by Bharat Electronics Ltd. in the calendar year 1990 were higher than in the previous year. In 1991 these were lower by 77% than the figures for 1990.

(b) *and* (c) The cumulative export by the defence production units has not declined but has been on the increase over the last three years. Receipt of orders by individual defence production agencies in a particular year is dependent on the fluctuation in demand for different items changes in competitive scenario, financial allocation for defence procurement in targetted countries as well as our own strategic perceptions about sale to particular countries.

(d) It will not be in public interest to divulge the names of countries to which defence exports are undertaken. In order to give a thrust to defence exports the Government have simplified the policy and procedures for exports to be undertaken by the defence PSUs and Ordnance Factory Board. These agencies al sloutl ise the marketing infrastructure av ai able with recognised export houses and our missions abroad. Other strategies employed by them include maximisation of buybacks, sub-contract work and participation in international trade fairs and exchange of relevant trade visits.

मिली-जुली बटालियनों का बनाया जाना

3859. **श्री कैलाश नारायण सारंग :** क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या जाति और क्षेत्र के आधार पर गठित थल सेना की पैदल रेजिमेंटों की विभिन्न बटालियनों को मिली-जुली बटालियनों में बदलने संबंधी कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री शरद पवार) : (क) और (ख) सेना की इंफैन्ट्री बटालियनों में वर्ग आधार को धीरे-धीरे विस्तृत किया जा रहा है ।

थल सेना को युद्ध संबंधी मुस्तैदी

3860. **श्री कैलाश नारायण सारंग :** क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या पाकिस्तान द्वारा हाल में परमाणु शस्त्र विकसित कर लिए जाने से उत्पन्न धमकी को ध्यान में रखते हुए परमाणु/जैव रासायनिक युद्ध भड़क उठने की स्थिति में अपनी सशस्त्र सेनाओं की सुरक्षा करने तथा उन्हें मुकाबले के लिए तत्पर रखने के लिए पर्याप्त सुरक्षा उपाय कर लिए गए हैं; और

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो इस संबंध में क्या-क्या कमियां तथा बाधाऐं हैं ?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री शरद पवार) : (क) और (ख) सरकार उन सभी गतिविधियों पर निरंतर निगरानी रखती है जिनका हमारी सुरक्षा पर प्रभाव पड़ता है और उसकी रक्षा के लिए समुचित उपाय करती है ।

Supply of Purchases of DMS/Ankle Boots to Armed Forces

3861. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of purchases of DMS and Ankle Boots made by headquarters/ other level authorities of each of the three Armed Forces for the supply to Armed Forces personne ;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have received complaints of defective supplies being taken from time to time;

(c) whether it is also a fact that public sector industries which are manufacturing such boots are generally neglected or full supplies of the items are not taken from them for the purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) The details of the purchases of DMS and Ankle Boots made by the Armed Forces during 1989-90 to 1991-92 are as under:—

Service	DMS		Ankle Boots	
	Qty.	Cost	Qty.	Cost
Army	390785	Rs. 7.43 Cr.	363525	Rs. 5.54 Cr.
Air Force	207700	Rs. 3.71 Cr.	52100	Rs. 0.73 Cr.
Navy	Nil	Nil	75500	Rs. 1.87 Cr.

(b) Sixteen defect reports involving a qty of 68 pairs were received from the Army HQrs. No complaints from the Air Force or the Navy have been received.

(c) No Sir. On the contrary bulk of the qualities procured have been from Ordnance Factories or Public Sector Undertakings.

(d) Does not arise.

Posts of Chargemen Grade II (T) and Grade I (T)

3862. SHRI PRAKASH YASHWANT AMBEDKAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any reservation for the post of Chargemen Grade II (T) and Grade I (T);

(b) if so, the number of candidates appointed to these posts either by direct recruitment or by promotion; and

(c) if not, when Government propose to fill up the posts?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Visit of Defence Team to Singapore

3863. KUMARI CHANDRIKA PREMJI KENIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high powered defence delegation from India led by the Minister of Defence visited Singapore recently to participate in the Asian Aerospace Exhibition;

(b) if so, the composition of the delegation and the period of their stay, and

(c) what is the outcome of the visit in relation to the Indian Air Force?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) Raksha Mantri, alongwith a small team of officials of Ministry of Defence and Air Force visited Singapore to witness the Asian Aerospace Exhibition, from Feb. 24 to 27, 1992.

(c) The visit, provided an opportunity to see the state-of-theart Defence equipments; attract attention of potential collaborators to our own production facilities and to initiate a dialogue with the Government of Singapore in areas of mutual interest.

Use of Aircraft by Defence Minister

3864. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the date-wise and journey-wise details of the special aircraft used by the Defence Minister so far; separately;

(b) the purpose for each such use separately; and

(c) the expenditure incurred in each such case, separately?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c) The Defence Minister uses Service aircraft in discharge of his functions. Divulging the purpose of each journey and other details would not be in public interest.

Building of Restaurant in Kanpur Cantonment

3865. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Defence Ministry has given clearance to Kanpur Cantonment Board to utilise